

REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated September 19, 2008 and has made amendments to the claims. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) in that it places the application and claims in condition for allowance. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 21 and 22 are pending. Claims 23-25 have been canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 23 has been canceled so this rejection is moot.

Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Walter et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0075686). Claims 24 and 25 have been canceled so this rejection is moot.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 21 and 22 are allowable over the art of record.

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejections of claims 23-25, Applicant has elected to cancel these claims solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with USPTO's Patent Business Goals (PBG), 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (September 8, 2000).

While claims 23-25 have been canceled from further consideration in this application, Applicant is not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the cited references. The claim amendments and cancellations made herein are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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